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UPGRADATION OF B NODE INTERNET GATEWAY TO A NODE IN GUWAHATI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for upgradation of `B` node internet gateway to `A` node and installation of independent Server of Mobile service at Guwahati;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure 24 hrs. internet accessibility as well as improve the present poor mobile service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a), (b) & (d) Under National Internet Backbone phase II(NIB II) project of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Guwahati, ` A` type Internet node is already operational at Guwahati. However, Guwahati has not been planned by BSNL as an Internet Gateway node.

In Assam Telecom Circle, BSNL has installed Mobile Switching Center(MSC) and its associated equipment. However, Common equipment like Intelligent Network (IN), Short Messaging Service Center (SMSC) and Billing Center etc. have been installed by BSNL at Kolkata based on techno-commercial considerations.

Internet access by BSNL is already available on 24 hours basis in Guwahati and the Mobile Service of BSNL in Assam Telecom Circle Service Area at present is working satisfactorily.

(c) Doest not arise in view of (a), (b) & (d) above.